

ISSUE		FINDING	RECOMMENDATION	FY 2004-05	5 YEAR CUMULATIVE
Resources Conservation & Protection Chapter					
RES 01	Establish a Single Point of Contact for All Public Inquiries to the California Environmental Protection Agency	Information needed to comply with environmental laws and for the general public is not provided in a timely, consistent or efficient manner.	Create a single, dedicated office for the purpose of responding to public inquiries about environmental protection programs to improve compliance with environmental laws and improve public accountability.	CBE	CBE
RES 02	Consolidate Cleanup, Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Programs	Cleanup of hazardous waste site, spills and abandoned dump sites is divided between eight departments all of which use different standards and administrative processes creating confusion, inefficiency and increasing costs.	Combine cleanup programs for hazardous waste sites, spills and abandoned dumps into a single regulatory and administrative program to eliminate inefficiencies, reduce cost and eliminate confusion.	\$244,000	\$6,744,000
RES 03	Consolidate Waste Management Programs	California's programs aimed at reducing disposal of solid waste in landfills is fragmented among four organizations.	Combine solid waste reduction programs into a single department.	\$0	\$1,948,000
RES 04	Consolidate Pollution Prevention Programs	California's efforts to prevent pollution are split among three separate programs unnecessarily limiting the effectiveness of pollution prevention efforts statewide.	Create a single program dedicated to pollution prevention by combining these separate programs.	\$0	\$3,900,000
RES 05	Consolidate Pest Control Licensing and Regulatory Programs	California provides two separate oversight programs for pesticide applications--one for outdoor, agricultural applicators and one for residential applicators--creating an inefficient division of the same basic function.	Consolidate oversight, regulation and licensing for pesticide applicators in a single department.	\$0	\$2,048,000

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RES 06	Consolidate Funding Programs for Clean Water Infrastructure	California divides responsibility for seeking federal Clean Water Act funding between two agencies that, combined, secure funds at a rate below the national average despite California's size and needs.	Consolidate clean water fund programs, replicating the practice of high-performing states that are most efficient at securing and leveraging federal clean water funds to achieve the most public benefit.	(\$311,000)	\$1,269,000
RES 07	Reduce Overhead Costs of the California Environmental Protection Agency	Duplicative, overlapping and costly administrative services functions are being performed separately at all departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency.	Administrative functions for the California Environmental Protection Agency departments should be combined into a single office so that costs for the Agency mirror those at departments of similar size.	\$505,000	\$56,481,000
RES 08	Consolidate the State's Geologic and Seismic Programs	State oversight, regulation and licensing for earthquake safety and geological services is fragmented among and duplicated by two independent boards, one commission and one department.	The Governor should work with the Legislature to eliminate the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists and move its functions into the State Mining and Geology Board.	\$17,000	\$449,000
RES 09	Centralize California Heritage Programs	Art, history and culture functions pursued by the state are fragmented among state agencies and state elective office holders resulting in duplication, confusion, inefficiency and counterproductive competition.	Consolidate museum, history and culture functions under a single state department to improve efficient oversight and to leverage additional private sector involvement.	CBE	CBE
RES 10	Consolidate State Field and Regional Offices	Scattered field offices for state agencies are inefficient and result in unnecessary costs.	Combine and consolidate state field offices to achieve savings and improve public service.	CBE	CBE
RES 11	Consolidate Real Estate Services into One Organization	Duplicative real estate management functions for recreation, open space and wildlife habitat are being performed at separate agencies unnecessarily increasing costs.	Consolidate real estate management functions in a single office to improve efficiency and reduce costs.	(\$314,000)	\$3,242,000

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RES 12	Restructure Funding and Governance for Certain Land Conservancies	Most state conservancies are largely regional entities that are not necessarily formed with or focused on a statewide perspective.	State conservancies of statewide interest should be retained while other regional conservancies should be brought under direct local control.	\$1,041,000	\$9,369,000
RES 13	Consolidate Resource Land Acquisition Processes	Duplicative and flawed land acquisition processes used to acquire properties of cultural, natural or recreational significance inflates purchase prices and inhibits successful acquisition.	Consolidate land acquisition functions for resource-related purchases and reform the acquisition process to ensure that the most value can be obtained with state resources.	\$0	\$0
RES 14	Streamline Permitting to Reduce Petroleum Infrastructure Bottlenecks	Multi-jurisdictional and complex permitting processes are inhibiting critical petroleum infrastructure expansion, restricting fuel supply and pushing up prices.	Streamline the permitting process by developing statewide best management practice permitting processes and creating a single state authority to coordinate multi-jurisdictional permitting activities.	CBE	CBE
RES 15	Use Technology to Streamline the State-Level Environmental Review Process	California's process for reviewing environmental impact documents and posting public notice about the availability of these documents for public comment is paper intensive and cumbersome.	Automate the CEQA review and public positing process to reduce costs, improve efficiency, increase public access and streamline the process.	\$0	\$126,000
RES 16	Streamline the Department of Pesticide Regulation's Registration Process	Certain aspects of California's pesticide registration process are unnecessarily burdensome and duplicative, providing little additional public health or environmental benefit.	Amend state law to eliminate requirements for duplicative letters of authorization for pesticide data use and eliminate duplicative requirements to test product efficacy.	\$0	\$0
RES 17	Simplify Process for Interagency Work Authorizations	State agencies are expending resources, particularly personnel and legal resources to create formal written agreements to work together.	Eliminate administrative oversight and approval of formal written cooperative agreements; develop a simplified model authorization agreement to be used; and provide for reimbursement of work by the recipient agency.	\$2,190,000	\$10,950,000

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RES 18	Establish a Risk-Based, Multi-Media, Environmental Compliance Assurance Program	Lack of risk-based, prioritized inspection, compliance assistance and enforcement activities for environmental programs wastes resources and creates an uneven regulatory climate across the state and environmental programs.	Implement an inspection protocol based on the public-health threat of the inspected activities; create a multi-media compliance assurance program; and standardize enforcement practices for environmental programs.	\$0	\$0
RES 19	Enact Pending CEQA Guideline Amendments	Proposed amendments to the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines were developed by the Resources Agency in August 2003. They have been on hold since.	The Governor should direct the Resources Agency to adopt the draft amendments to the Guidelines by August 22, 2004. Further, he should direct the Resources Agency to convene a working group of environmental law specialists, in and out of state government, as soon as the pending Guideline Amendments are adopted to develop further recommendations to update the Guidelines.	\$2,280,000	\$11,400,000
RES 20	Consolidate Responsibility for Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Under One Agency	Divided responsibility for oversight of hazardous materials programs is inefficient.	Consolidate programs within one state agency to increase efficiency and accountability.	\$0	\$0
RES 21	Improve the Timber Harvest Plan Development and Review Process	The process used to approve or deny timber harvesting on private lands is fragmented, acrimonious and inefficient.	Increase opportunities for streamlining timber harvest plan review through alternative certification of environmentally sound timber harvest plans, prioritization of review and providing additional resources to conduct reviews.	\$0	\$0
RES 22	Promote Smart Growth Through Land Recycling	The state's toxic waste site cleanup program for urban properties is ineffective due to a lack of financing options, a faulty inventory of sites and heavy-handed regulation.	Establish public funding via available federal loan funds, redirected state funds and local partnerships; refine California's toxic site inventory and upgrade with federal funding; reform regulatory oversight to provide more cleanup opportunities.	CBE	CBE

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RES 23	Eliminate the Need for the California Integrated Waste Management Board to Approve Solid Waste Facility Permits	The state performs a duplicative, unnecessary role in permitting of solid waste facilities.	Amend state law to eliminate the requirement for state concurrence in local permitting decisions for solid waste facilities.	\$1,481,000	\$7,405,000
RES 24	Abolish the Registered Environmental Assessor Program	The Registered Environmental Assessor program is a largely clerical program that provides little public value or environmental protection.	Abolish the program.	\$0	\$0
RES 25	Streamline and Eliminate Duplicative Reporting for the Environmental Protection and Resources Agencies	Some mandated environmental reporting requirements are duplicative, others are outdated, and compliance is inefficient.	Automate reports to the Legislature and public, eschewing printed, paper reports in favor of reports on CD ROM that are also posted on the Internet to save money and increase public access.	\$1,010,000	\$5,050,000
RES 26	Improving Database Management and e-Government Systems	Information technology used to improve public access to information and as a tool to coordinate government activities is uneven or lacking among environmental programs.	Consolidate information technology services located at individual departments and programs into a single office to improve information technology capabilities for all programs, improve coordination, leverage purchases and improve communication.	CBE	CBE
RES 27	Reduce Mandates for Solid Waste Diversion Reporting for Rural Communities	Costly, time-consuming reporting requirements for solid waste diversion programs divert resources from program implementation toward accounting procedures.	Provide more flexibility to cash-poor rural counties under state waste diversion laws by allowing demonstrated compliance through program implementation in lieu of accounting methods.	CBE	CBE
RES 28	Reorganize the 54 District Agricultural Associations and the California State Exposition and Fair as Public Corporations	State agricultural fairs must now compete against private sector entertainment, but cannot operate like businesses because they are under state control.	Allow agricultural district associations that conduct fairs to re-form as public corporations in order to operate more like businesses.	CBE	CBE

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RES 29	Reorganize California's Commodity Boards as Public Corporations	State "sponsorship" of commodity boards is problematic because of legal challenges to the boards' authority.	Amend state law and reorganize commodity boards so that they are not state entities.	CBE	CBE
RES 30	Streamline Activities of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission	Permitting functions performed by the Bay Conservation Development Commission that duplicate federal, state and local agency permitting authority delays and adds costs unnecessarily to needed maritime construction and dredging projects.	Initiate a Task Force to evaluate the obstacles to a streamlined permitting process and implement the solutions developed by the Task Force.	CBE	CBE
RES 31	Establish State Mitigation Property Standards and Registry	Federal and state laws require developers to dedicate undeveloped land to mitigate environmental damage caused by their projects. There are no uniform standards for doing this and no single registry of properties available for mitigation.	The Resources Agency should draft amendments to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines to provide uniform mitigation standards. It should also create a register of all available mitigation banks and properties.	CBE	CBE
RES 32	Broaden the Use of Environmental Fee Collections to Address Unmet Needs	Fragmented, specialized funding for environmental programs undermines policy making based on performance and health-risk priorities.	Increase funding flexibility to ensure broad-based, high-revenue generating fund expenditures are based on program performance and high-priority needs.	CBE	CBE
RES 33	School Land Bank Fund Balance Transfer to the State Teachers' Retirement System	A \$50 million surplus sits idle in the School Land Bank Fund.	Transfer the funds to the State Teachers Retirement Fund for investment and to offset a General Fund obligation.	\$0	\$26,000,000

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RES 34	Improve Collection of Department of Fish and Game Fees for Reviewing Environmental Reports	Mandated Department of Fish and Game fees for review of Environmental Impact Reports are not being collected due to confusion about the program and a poorly designed collection system.	Amend state regulation and state law to clarify when fees are applicable and to provide an incentive for state and local agencies to collect the fee and require the Department to improve its process for environmental reviews.	\$0	\$18,750,000
RES 35	Increase Efficiency in Using Existing Bond Funds for Environmental Enhancement	State land acquisition for resource conservation projects results in unnecessary costs to the state. State purchase of land also limits California's share of federal conservation funds.	The Governor should direct the Resources Agency to dedicate available resource bond measure funds to protecting and improving open space, wildlife and water through public-private partnerships and conservation easements. State efforts should be coordinated to maximize federal funds to supplement existing bond funds and to develop a plan to sufficiently fund development, operations and maintenance costs for state-owned land for conservation purposes.	\$0	\$184,500,000

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